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Betty Sue Morris • Judie Stanton • Craig A. Pridemore

November 23, 2004

Clark County Board of Commissioners  
P.O. Box 5000  
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

Dear Commissioners Morris and Stanton:

Dear Betty Sue and Judie:

I am extremely thankful to have had the opportunity to serve the citizens of my home as Clark County Commissioner these past six years. While it hasn't always been easy, it has always been rewarding.

Looking back, I am most pleased with the tremendous efforts we've made to honor the voters' demands for lower taxes while continuing to provide the most critical services of county government. While doing that, we have managed to make cost-effective investments in vital public infrastructure including the Public Service Center, Padden Parkway and the county fairgrounds. Clark County funds are stable and we have protected or established critical capital and operating cash in all funds.

I want to thank the citizens of Clark County for placing their trust in me in both 1998 and 2002. It hasn't always been easy to serve all of you in precisely the manner in which each of you wanted to be served or to represent all of you when so many of you disagree with each other, but I have tried to be fair, conscientious of the legal and fiduciary responsibilities you placed in me, and with sincere respect for your individual desires.

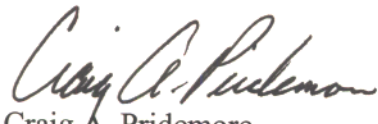
While I had no role in hiring him, I am very grateful to County Administrator Bill "Leo" Barron who was clearly the right person for the right job at the right time. His dedication to public service, to the efficiency and productivity of county staff, and to the citizens of Clark County has been exemplary. More than a coworker, Bill has become a comrade-in-arms and I look forward to continuing to serve with him in a different capacity in the years ahead.

I also want to extend my thanks to the employees of Clark County who remain among my oldest and closest friends. We have been through many things together in the past twelve and a half years, some joyous, some tragic, literally through sickness and health, for richer for poorer. You truly are role models around the state for the quality of work you do and the innovations in service delivery that you've developed. Thank you for the hard work you do every day on behalf of the citizens of Clark County, but thank you most for being my friends.

Finally, I want to thank the two of you. We truly have been through fire and rain together. Whether it was dissolving a drainage district, implementing a stormwater fee, authorizing the construction of a new roadway, or any of a hundred controversial land use decisions, I believe that history will show that we did our jobs honorably and competently, with fairness to all and with malice toward none. In county government, six years of the same leadership team isn't all that common. While we may have had some challenging times on occasion, the reality is that we worked effectively together and have left Clark County in better shape than we found it.

With tremendous appreciation to all of you, I hereby submit my resignation as Clark County Commissioner, District #3, effective at midnight, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Craig A. Pridemore".

Craig A. Pridemore  
Clark County Commissioner  
Washington State Senator-Elect